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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald R. "Don" Gavers of Woodstock, who passed away on September 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Don Gavers was born in Chicago on March 22, 1936 to Otto and Ann (nee DeVogelaere) Gavers; he served with the 82nd Airborne Division, stationed in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; he married Sally Schumacher on October 21, 1961 and they settled in Woodstock; and

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WHEREAS, Don Gavers was President and founder of Gavers Asphalt, Paving, & Excavation Company, established in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Don Gavers' hobbies included a love of tractors, right down to riding his John Deere mower; equipment auctions and estate sales were among some of his past times; most Sunday mornings he could be found holding a meeting at a local coffee shop with his "cronies" and lifelong business partner and best friend, Billy Hansen; he was a lifetime member of Woodstock Moose Lodge 1329; and

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WHEREAS, Don Gavers was preceded in death by his parents; his 2 brothers, Bill Gavers and Joe Gavers; and his 2 nieces; and

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1 WHEREAS, Don Gavers is survived by his wife, Sally Gavers;
2 his 2 sons, Steve "Hozy" (Diane) Gavers and Dan "Digger"
3 Gavers; his step-granddaughter, Ashley Ackerman; his siblings,
4 Bob "Louie" (Lucille) Gavers, Jim "Red" (Margaret) Gavers, Jeff
5 (Judy) Gavers, Eugene Gavers, David Gavers, Genevieve (Joe)
6 O'Herron, and Terry (Ellen) Gavers; and many nieces and
7 nephews; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Donald R. "Don" Gavers, and extend our sincere condolences to
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Don Gavers as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.